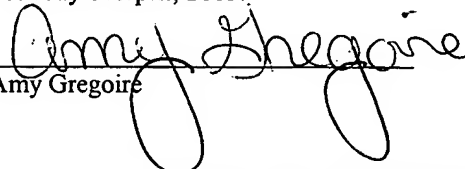




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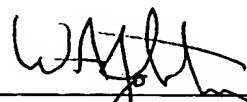
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Dear Madame:

The above-identified patent application was filed approximately eighteen months ago on October 20, 2003. To date, Applicants have not received any official actions from the Patent Office in this case. Please advise applicants of the status of this application.

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